Plan period	Name of scheme	Area treated (ha)	Families benefited (Nos.)	Expenditure
IX Plan (for first 3 years.)	-do-	92716	22349	Rs. 48.45 crores

Agricultural Marketing Facilities in NER

2042. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed to take necessary steps for expanding agricultural marketing facilities in the NER during the Ninth Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has recently approved two new schemes, namely, Scheme for Agricultural Marketing Information Network and Scheme of Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction/ Expansion/Modernisation of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticultural Produce for bringing about improvements in the present Agricultural Marketing facilities and marketing infrastructure in the country, including the North Eastern Region. Under the schemes for Agricultural Marketing Information Network, it is proposed to establish a nationwide information network for speedy collection and dissemination of market information/data for their efficient and timely utilisation. Under this scheme, all important Agricultural Produce Markets and State Agricultural Marketing Boards/Departments all over the country, including in the North Eastern Region, will be linked up through a computer network. While the subsidy under the scheme of Capital investment Subsidy for Construction/Expansion/Modernisation of Cold Storages and Storages is 25% subject to a ceiling of Rs. 50 lakhs per project, subsidy for projects in the North-Eastern Region

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is fixed at a higher level of 33.33% subject to a ceiling of Rs. 60 lakhs.

National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) has earmarked Rs. 420.00 lakhs during the Ninth Five Year Plan for North-Eastern Region to provide financial assistance for development of Cooperative Marketing.

(c) and (d) Questions do not arise.

Central Scheme for Vegetable, Fruit and Flower Production

2043. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved any Central scheme for the overall development of vegetables/fruits/flowers production in country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these schemes have been extended to Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Government of India have implemented the following schemes for the overall development of vegetables/fruits/flowers production in country;

(i) Integrated development of tropical, sub-tropical, temperate and arid zone fruits.

(ii) Integrated development of vegetables including root and tuber crops.

(iii) Development of commercial floriculture.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.